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IN INSULAR POSSESSIONS.

HAWAII.

Examination of Rodents.

Rats and mongoose have been examined in Hawaii for plague infection as follows: Honolulu, week ended June 28, 1913, 421; week ended June 21, 1913, at Hilo, 1,429; at Honokaa, 1,548. No plague-infected rodent was found.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Additional Measures Against Importation of Plague.

Surg. Heiser, chief quarantine officer and director of health for the Philippine Islands, reported, June 12: In view of the increase in the number of plague cases in Amoy, both in the international settlement and the city proper, it was deemed necessary to take additional precautions to prevent the spread of the disease to Manila by vessels and their personnel and passengers; consequently an order directing vessels to call at Mariveles for inspection was promulgated in the following circular letter:

[Circular.]

MANILA, P. I., June 5, 1913.

To the masters, owners, and agents of vessels, and others concerned.

SIRS: On account of the fact that plague is reported in epidemic form in Amoy and vicinity, it is deemed necessary to take additional precautions to prevent its introduction into the Philippine Islands.

In view of the foregoing and until further notice, all vessels coming from Amoy for a Philippine port will be required to call at the Mariveles Quarantine Station, where the passengers will be disembarked and a thorough inspection made. If this inspection results satisfactorily, the vessel and passengers will be released without further restrictions.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,

Surgeon, Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

PORTO RICO.

Rodents Collected and Examined.

Passed Asst. Surg. Creel reports that during the week ended July 5, 1913, there were examined 1,165 rodents, collected from various points in Porto Rico, and that of these, 669 were collected from various parts of San Juan municipality. None was found infected with plague.